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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 6541

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MESS, PFOR, JO, SY

SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PRESS ON KING'S SYRIA VISIT

1. MEDIA TREATMENT OF KING HUSSEIN'S LATEST SYRIAN VISIT HAS FOCUSED ON PRIME MINISTER RIFAI'S AIRPORT STATEMENT WHICH REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS IN DAMASCUS CENTERED ON FURTHER IMPROVING BILATERAL TIES, THE "REGRETTABLE" SITUATION IN LEBANON FOR WHICH ASAD AND HUSSEIN HOPED FOR A QUICK SETTLEMENT, AND ON SINAI AGREEMENT.

2. PRESS IN REPORTS AND EDITORIALS GAVE IMPRESFDON KING'S VIEWS ON SINAI ACCORD IDENTICAL WITH ASAD'S, THUS SEEMINGLY TAKING JORDAN FURTHER DOWN ROAD TO NEGATIVE STANCE ON ISSUE THAN IS IN FACT THE CASE. (GOJ IS TAKING A PUBLICLY SILENT AND NEUTRAL STAND ON SINAI AGREEMENT.) HOWEVER, RIFAI'S STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY TRIED TO BE MORE GENERAL AND CONFITE  
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SYRIAN-JORDANIAN "FULL AGREEMENT" ABOUT SINAI ACCORD

TO ITS GENERAL EFFECT ON ARAB UNITY AND PALESTINE  
PROBLEM AND NOT TO IMPLY JORDANIAN ASSENT TO FULL  
LIST OF OTHER ASPECTS WHICH SYRIANS HAVE PUBLICLY  
CRITICIZED.

3. IN RELATED MATTER, PRESS SEPTEMBER 26 REPORTS  
PRESIDENT ASAD TOLD KUWAITI NEWSPAPER AL-QABAS THAT  
JORDAN HAD EARLIER (IN 1974) REJECTED LIMITED DIS-  
ENGAGEMENT ACCORD FOR WEST BANK "RESEMBLING SINAI  
AGREEMENT" BECAUSE ISRAELIS OFFERED TOO LITTLE PULL-  
BACK FROM OCCUPIED LANDS. ITSM HAS NOT BEEN SUBSE-  
QUENTLY COMMENTED ON BY MEDIA OR GOVERNMENT.

4. PM RIFAI, WHO PRIOR TO VISIT WAS JUST A LITTLE  
CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL  
COMMUNIQUE COVERING KING'S VISIT TO SYRIA, REMARKED  
ON ITS ABSENCE BY SAYING "OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS GONE  
BEYOND THAT NOW." "WE DO NOT NEED A COMMUNIQUE FOR  
EVERY VISIT" WAS THE THEME, AND INDEED EVEN HE MIGHT  
HAVE TROUBLE PRODUCING ONE.  
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